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GERMAN GUNS THUNDER AT VERDUN

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FRENCH ARE CONFIDENT VERDUN WILL HOLD OUT

In the Terrific Drive Against Verdun the Germans Capture one of the Outer Forts, and the Attacks Continue With Great Fury and Tremendous Slaughter. The French Believe Verdun will Stand as its Line of Fortifications is on a Hill a Thousand Feet High. Russians Capture an Important Persian City. Portugal May Enter War Against Germany. Austrians Defeat Italians at Durazzo. Two British Steamers Were Sunk. Austrian Submarine Commander Explains Attack on the American Tanker, Petrolite.

[By Associated Press.]

London, Feb. 26.—The Germans officially announce the capture by storm of Fort Douaumont, a Verdun fortification, which is now firmly held.

The French statement says the Germans continue a violent assault with-out regard to sacrifices.

A Reuter's Petrograd dispatch says the Russians stormed and captured Karmanshah, an important Persian city.

The Portuguese premier in the chamber of deputies urges Portugal to lapse the existing treaty with Germany and prepare for all eventualities. This followed a statement that attempts had been made to blow up the German steamers requisitioned by Portugal, bombs being found.

The French war office claims the German attacks east of Beaumont failed, notwithstanding the repeated assaults and tremendous slaughter.

The capture of Douaumont is the most important achievement since the Verdun drive was inaugurated, which for fury and weight of men and guns, has few precedents in the war.

The French war office is confident Verdun will hold, as the Verdun fortress is the base of solid field works on a line of hills a thousand feet high.

Late advices from Albania through German sources predicted the early fall of Durazzo, as a result of the defeat of Italians by the Austrians.

Germans Gain Hourly.

[By Associated Press.]

Berlin, Feb. 26.—The tremendous German offensive at Verdun is gaining

hourly and new and serious breaches have been made in the French lines. In the presence of the Kaiser the Germans captured the hills southwest of Louvemont, the official statement says, and the fortified portions east.

French resistance broke on the Woerere plain and the Germans are pursuing the retreating enemy.

The statement says the French penetrated two hundred yards of front in Champagne.

Italians Evacuate Durazzo.

[By Associated Press.]

Rome, Feb. 26.—The report that Durazzo Albania, a Black Sea port, has been evacuated by the Italians was confirmed.

Austria Explains Attack.

Washington, Feb. 26.—Austria informs the United States that the commander of the submarine attacking the American tanker Petrolite in the Mediterranean, thought the ship was disguised under the American flag, and that he fired as the ship changed its course, as he believed, to ram him, and that the Petrolite captain voluntarily furnished provision to the submarine. This information answers the supplementary United States request for more data on the event.

Two British Ships Sunk.

[By Associated Press.]
London, Feb. 26.—Lloyds announce the sinking of the British steamers Denahay, 3,000 tons, and the Tummel, 500 tons. Seven of the crew of the latter vessel are missing.

CITY MANAGER QUITS HIS JOB

[By Associated Press.]

Sherman, Tex., Feb. 26.—Earl Mitchell, city manager of Sherman since the new government was effected about eight months ago, resigned today on account of differences of opinion with the city commission.

WHEAT GOES DOWN AGAIN

[By Associated Press.]

Chicago, Ill., Feb. 26.—On the report that Verdun had fallen wheat precipitated 5½ points today. Denials of the rumor failed to check the downward plunge.

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FAVORS PLAN SAYS LANSING

First Reply Received From Entente Allies Favor Lansing Plan, but Will Not Tell Which One.

[By Associated Press.]

Washington, Feb. 26.—Secretary of State Lansing announced today that one entente had replied to his suggestion for disarmament of merchant ships, but declined to give the nature of the reply or tell from whence it came, saying he would probably make the replies public when all were received.

Although Secretary Lansing declined to tell what power it was learned that Italy replied and the answer was argumentative rather than conclusive. It was pointed out that alien liners pledged themselves not to use armament except for defense when clearing American ports. Confidential advices from Berlin say Germany may ask for a discussion of what constitutes defensive armament. The question is raised Mr. Lansing says the United States may discuss it.

With apparent quieting of the armament situation in congress, the submarine crisis shifts back to the negotiations between Ambassador Bernstorff and Secretary Lansing.

C. P. FOSTER ANNOUNCES.

Mr. C. P. (Clum) Foster announces today as a candidate for commissioner of precinct No. 4. A more extended writeup will appear Monday.

MARLIN MEETING DISTRICT AGENTS

District Agricultural Agents Meeting Largely Attended—Bryan People on the Program.

The district meeting of agricultural agents convened in Marlin Thursday with a good attendance, and from the report of the proceedings we note that a number of A. and M. men are present and taking an active part. The Marlin Democrat contains the following reference to A. and M. workers:

"The first work this afternoon was that done by Professor Lanham of College Station in demonstration of practical tree pruning. At 1 o'clock there were a number of farmers and others present, besides the agents at the J. W. Hillen peach tree orchard to study the operation, after which all returned to the palm garden for further discussion.

"In order to properly interest boys in their club work, they must have some place in which to display the results of their efforts, was the forcible feature of C. C. French's talk before the Agricultural Agents' Association meeting this morning, when he made a talk tending to show how the parents of the boys and the boys themselves should be interested in the work. He is the head of the boys' agricultural work at the A. and M. College and believes that the boys' clubs will be the nucleus around which all the demonstration work will revolve, and that the rural teachers will soon be required to be well versed in animal husbandry and agriculture."

"Dr. Frank Jones, veterinary surgeon of the A. and M. College extension department, stated that the county agents were almost the only forces against the hog cholera in any county but that the matter should be handled by both the agent and the local veterinary, through education, disinfection and the use of serum, as the loss to the United States through hog cholera has been about seventy-five million dollars a year.

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MYERS ON POLITICAL OUTLOOK

Thinks Republicans and Progressives Will Get Together and Elect Their Nominee.

Our good friend, J. Allen Myers was down town this morning for the first time in several days, having been confined to his room since returning from Fort Worth, where he attended the meeting of the State Republican Executive Committee. When the reporter met him this morning he was in a good humor and was willing to talk politics, and as he is a well posted man on the political situation his views are always interesting.

When asked if the regular Republicans and the Bull Moosers would bury their difference, he said yes, and that there would be very little question about their winning in November. When reminded that many Republicans did not like Mr. Roosevelt (who is a probable candidate) he said that where this was the case there were many young men who loved Roosevelt and would offset the vote of those in the regular party who would not, and that Mr. Roosevelt would be a strong man before the convention to be reckoned with. When asked if he believed Mr. Roosevelt would be nominated, he said there was great probabilities of such a thing, and that if such proved to be true those Democrats who now wish for his nomination would indeed be sorry, for he is a power. He said he recently talked with a staunch Republican from Indiana who said that state would more than likely go Republican next election, and that Mr. Roosevelt was the leading candidate and the most popular talked of man for the nomination.

Mr. Myers thinks Mr. Wilson's Mexican policy will go a long ways toward defeating him for re-election, and that thousands of voters look up on Mr. Wilson and his Mexican stand as a joke. While he says the Republicans have numerous good and available men for president, he was not yet going to make a prediction as to who the nominee would be, but whoever he was would most assuredly be elected.

MARRIAGES LICENSES.

Salvatore Palermo and Miss Lenia DeCearo.
Jessie Monroe and Phillis Lee, colored.

MEXICAN HURT NEGRO ESCAPES

Mexican Badly Hurt Near I. & G. N. Depot by a Negro Who Escapes.

In a difficulty occurring between two section hands near the International & Great Northern depot yesterday afternoon, one a Mexican, the other a negro, the Mexican was dangerously hurt and may die, while the negro, who assaulted him has so far made his escape, but officers think they will capture him before tomorrow, as they know him and know where he will go while on the dodge. The trouble arose over a dispute about some trivial matter, when the negro struck the Mexican over the head with a heavy shovel, knocking him down and then it is claimed hit him twice after he was down. The negro then disappeared.

The Mexican is badly wounded, and the chances for his recovery are slight. The negro is charged with assault to murder.

APPEAL IS MADE FOR SUFFERERS

[By Associated Press.]

New Orleans, La., Feb. 26.—An urgent appeal for the flood victims of Concordia Parish, where men, women and children are almost starving and clinging to the sides of the levees and house tops was received by the relief committee today.



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